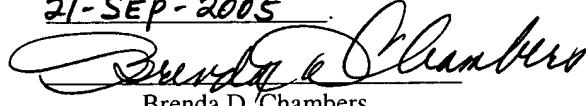


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RESPONSE

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. 1.121) mailed 12 September 2005, please enter the attached **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment and consider the remarks set forth herein:

- I. Amendment to the Drawings beginning on page 2 of this paper.
- II. Remarks beginning on page 3 of this paper.
- III. Appendix – Drawing sheets 1/5 to 5/5, inclusive, with sheets 1/5 to 3/5 each labeled “Replacement Sheet” and sheets 4/5 and 5/5 each labeled “New Sheet” following page 4 of this paper.